

**OPPORTUNITY FOR FEDERAL GRANT
EPA'S TARGETED WATERSHED GRANT INITIATIVE**

EPA's Targeted Watersheds Grant program is a competitive grant program that provides funding to community-driven, environmental results oriented watershed projects. To date, more than \$37 million has been awarded to 46 watershed organizations. The program also provides capacity building grants to service provider organizations that can deliver training and tools for all watershed organizations across the country. EPA has issued its Requests for Proposals for the 2006/2007 grants program.

The 2006/2007 Targeted Watershed Grant program consists of two separate grants, namely capacity building grants and implementation grants. Applicants for capacity building grants are asked to submit their proposals directly to EPA by October 16th, 2006. Additional information and proposal requirements can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/twg/capacity.html>

Applications for implementation grants must be nominated by the nation's governors and tribal leaders. This year, there is no limit on the number of nominations each governor or tribal leader can make. EPA encourages innovative solutions to achieving measurable water quality improvements and will award up to \$16 million to as many as 20 of the nation's outstanding watershed practitioners. Nominations must be submitted to EPA by November 15, 2006. Additional information and proposal requirements can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/twg/implementation.html>

In order to allow for the evaluation of the proposals and nomination by Governor Kaine, applicants are asked to submit their applications by 5 P.M. Wednesday, October 18, 2006 - in electronic form and 3 paper copies to:

**Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Water Quality Programs
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Applicants may contact Ms. Schneider at 804-698-4099 with any questions about the submission process for VA projects.